



City of Aurora

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Richard C. Irvin
Mayor

February 7, 2019

Mr. Matt Chapman
Muckrock News
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Somerville, MD 02144

FOIA: #19-410

Dear Mr. Chapman:

On January 29, 2019, the City of Aurora (“City”) received your request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) Request. Your FOIA Request asks for copies of the following documents:

- For all email accounts under the management of this City, please provide me the following information for all emails sent and received during January, 2019:
 - From address
 - To address
 - Bcc addresses
 - Cc addresses
 - Time
 - Date

City of Aurora's Response

You are hereby notified that the City of Aurora (“City”) has determined that your FOIA Request is unduly burdensome in nature pursuant to Section 3(g) of FOIA as follows:

- The City completed a search of all emails sent/received by accounts under the management of the City during the month of January, 2019. The search identified 706,066 emails that were sent to and from City email accounts during the month of January, 2019. Although your request indicated that you believe our response will not need to be reviewed for redaction, the City respectfully disagrees with that contention. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/2(c)(5), personal email addresses are specifically identified as “*private information*” and, as such, considered exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). Unfortunately, this means that an individual employee of the City of Aurora would, in fact, be required to review 706,066 emails to determine if each involved email address is a personal or business email address. Your request is unduly burdensome because the employee responsible for reviewing and redacting the responsive records would have to devote a significant amount of time solely to reviewing/redacting email addresses connected to 706,066 emails in order to respond to this request.

As such, we extend an opportunity to meet and confer with City of Aurora staff in order to amend or narrow your request within 10 business days from the date of this letter (on or before **February 22, 2019**) or agree to allow the City of Aurora at least 21 business days to respond to your request. Please contact me directly at (630) 256-3077 in

order to discuss this matter. In the event that we do not hear from you on or before February 22, 2019, the City of Aurora may deny your request.

Appeal

You have a right to have the City's determination reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

You also have the right to seek judicial review of the City's determination by filing a lawsuit in the State of Illinois Circuit Court. If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Stallings
FOIA Officer
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